

Voters to Pick Mayor, Council on Nov. 4

Rockville residents will go to the polls for the City's 59th Election for Mayor and Council on Tuesday, Nov. 4. But they also will be asked to express their opinions in a non-binding referendum on whether the length of terms of the Mayor and Council should be two or four years.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 8 p.m. Results will be tabulated soon after the polls close. The most immediate source of results will be The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11) and the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov.

There are two candidates running for Mayor and eight

for Council. All five incumbents filed to seek re-election.

Mayor Larry Giammo, who was elected to his first term in 2003, will be challenged by Russ Hamill, a longtime Montgomery County official who recently retired.

Councilmembers Bob Dorsey, John Hall, Jr., Susan Hoffmann and Anne Robbins are seeking re-election. The four challengers are Phyllis Marcuccio from East Rockville, Travis Nelson from Fallsgrove, Harry Thomas from Twinbrook and Lih Young from Fallsmead.

See the Voter's Guide Insert in this edition of *Rockville Reports* for complete information. **RR**

El 4 de noviembre es la elección de la ciudad

El martes 4 de noviembre se celebrará la 59a. elección de la ciudad. Los residentes de Rockville irán a las urnas para votar por el Alcalde y los miembros del Consejo. Asimismo, se pedirá a los votantes que expresen su opinión, en un referéndum sin fuerza jurídica obligatoria, sobre la posibilidad de extender de 2 a 4 años los términos de los mandatos del Alcalde y el Consejo.

Los comicios se abrirán a las 7 a.m. y permanecerán abiertos hasta las 8 p.m. Los resultados se tabularán poco después del cierre de los comicios. Las fuentes más inmediatas de información sobre los resultados serán el Canal de Rockville (Canal 11 de Cable) y la página de la Ciudad en la Internet (www.rockvillemd.gov).

Hay dos candidatos que se postulan para Alcalde y ocho

candidatos para el Consejo.

Los cinco funcionarios titulares buscan la reelección.

El Alcalde Larry Giammo, elegido para su primer término en 2003, será desafiado por Russ Hamill, un funcionario muy antiguo de Montgomery County que se ha retirado recientemente.

Los miembros del Consejo, Bob Dorsey, John Hall, Jr., Susan Hoffmann y Anne Robbins, serán desafiados por Phyllis Marcuccio —residente de East Rockville—, Travis Nelson —residente de Fallsgrove—, Harry Thomas —residente de Twinbrook— y Lih Young —residente de Fallsmead—.

Para contar con la información más completa, vea la Guía de Votantes en la hoja extra intercalada en esta edición de los Informes de Rockville. **RR**

— Translated by Victoria Imas-Duchovny

ELECTION RESULTS QUICK: Check www.rockvillemd.gov and TRC 11 for the latest on the Nov. 4 election. For more information see the Voter's Guide Inserts.

What Do You Want in Town Center? Residents Can Share Ideas on Nov. 20

There's been a lot of talk about the new Town Center, and Federal Realty Investment Trust wants to hear what residents think.

On Thursday, Nov. 20, citizens will have an opportunity to share with Federal Realty representatives what types of businesses they would like to see as part of Rockville's new downtown. The Town Center Open House will take place from 7-9 p.m. in the atrium of City Hall.

Together with the City, Montgomery County and resident developer RD Rockville, developer Federal Realty

signed a General Development Agreement in September. Plans call for ground breaking in early 2004 for the first phase of redevelopment that will



include 15 acres bordered by Beall Avenue on the north; Middle Lane on the south; North Washington Street on the west; and Maryland Route 355 on the east.

The new Town Center will include a mix of retail, restaurant, entertainment, residential and office uses. During the Nov. 20 Open House, residents will share their visions of the retail establishments they want in downtown

Rockville.

"Citizens should come with ideas," said Art Chambers, Rockville's Director of Community Planning and Development. "There will be sign-up sheets for ideas, and the overall Town Center plan will be on hand for residents to see. We will have City representatives to answer any questions and to take suggestions, as well."

Extensive information about Town Center is available on the City's Web site by clicking the Town Center logo. The City's Web site address is www.rockvillemd.gov. Rockville's City Hall is located at 111 Maryland Ave. **RR**

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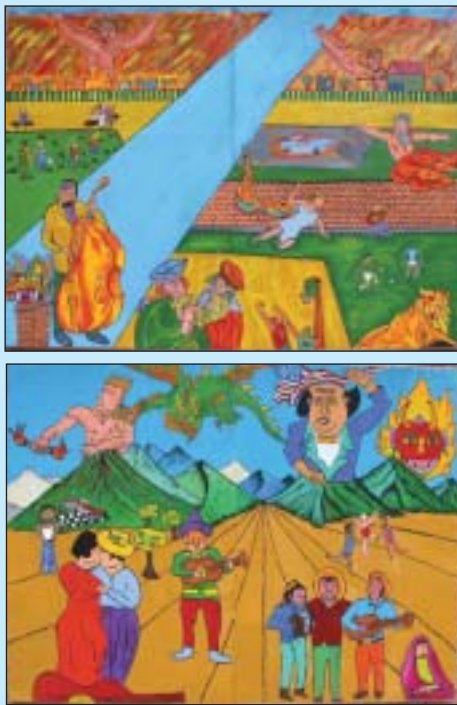
■ **VOTER'S GUIDE INSERT** In English and Spanish

City Considers Smoking Ban

The Montgomery County ban on smoking in county restaurants that took effect on Friday, Oct. 9, does not apply in Rockville. However, as of press time, the Mayor and Council planned to take the first legal step toward adoption of a similar smoking policy in Rockville restaurants by introducing legislation at their General Session of Oct. 27.

A public hearing on the proposed legislation tentatively has been set for Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers.

Currently, the City is operating under its long-standing smoking policy that requires eating and drinking establishments with a seating area of 25 or more to have designated non-smoking areas. **RR**



ARTISTS UNITE ... Several Julius West Middle School students recently completed a mural project at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center called "Community Unity" ("Comunidad y Unidad"). The project was formally dedicated by the Mayor and Council at an unveiling ceremony in October. Under the direction of the City's project supervisor, Marcial Candido of the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, the student artists worked for about a year on the project, pictured above. The artists are Jose Amaya, Deiby Escobar, Jose Escobar, Salvador Guevara, William Hernandez, Christian Iriarte, Edgar Lopez, Sergio Meneses, Jorge Portillo, Edwin Ramos, Melvin Rivera, Rosa Sanchez and Patrick Uffy.

You are cordially invited to attend
The Inauguration Ceremony
For the Newly Elected Mayor and Council of Rockville
Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003 at 1 p.m.

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park/ 603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville, Md.

Reception to follow immediately after ceremony

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Rockville Opposes Billboards

The City of Rockville is preparing a vigorous defense to a challenge to sign provisions contained in its zoning and planning ordinance.

The challenge was filed by an Atlanta-based attorney who has filed similar suits in jurisdictions across the nation. The attorney has filed these suits in other areas in an attempt to allow private firms to establish billboards in communities that have wanted to limit or ban the oversized signs.

A lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Greenbelt in August by attorney E. Adam Webb of Atlanta on behalf of Trinity Outdoor, LLC, a company that erects and leases billboards. Webb has brought numerous similar lawsuits against local jurisdictions in Georgia, Florida, California and Connecticut. Trinity, which has been denied requests to erect

several large off-site signs in the City, contends in its lawsuit that Rockville's ordinance is unconstitutional.

"We greatly respect the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution that provides for freedom of speech," said Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo, conveying the sentiments of all Rockville Councilmembers. "However, we will do everything legally and legislatively within our power to make sure we do not have billboards filling the roadsides along Rockville Pike and in other areas of our City. We strongly believe we have the right to regulate the height and size of signs in our City."

Rockville, like most other communities in metropolitan Washington, has sought to limit billboards through sign ordinances. Ordinances limiting billboards have become more

prevalent as suburban jurisdictions have become more dense. In other jurisdictions, suits filed by Webb sought to have entire sign ordinances ruled unconstitutional. Where some courts have agreed with the challenges, companies represented by Webb quickly erected signs before constitutional ordinances could be enacted.

The City is undertaking a review of its sign provisions contained in its zoning and planning ordinance in light of the legal challenges made. The Mayor and Council adopted an ordinance in October that establishes certain height, location, maximum size, design and construction requirements for any sign erected in the City. The ordinance established minimum standards that will govern signs should the City's existing sign provisions be struck down. [RR](#)



A 'TREE-MENDOUS' EFFORT ... *Dozens of middle school, high school and college students volunteered a few hours of their time in October to plant 99 trees and shrubs at Rockcrest Park during the third planting phase of the Rockville Tree Project. In April, the first two plantings took place at Julius West Middle School and Croydon Creek Nature Center. The plantings are possible thanks to donations (still being accepted) through the "Gift of Trees" program, a partnership between the City and the State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources Forest Service. To purchase a "Gift of Trees" card visit www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/treemendous.*

10K/5K Runs Through King Farm

Dubbed "Montgomery County's Oldest Race," the 28th annual Rockville 10K/5K drew almost 700 runners of all ages to King Farm Village Center on Oct. 12.

In the 10K, the top male finisher was Timothy Schuler in a time of 33 minutes, 2 seconds. The top female finisher was Victoria Mcparland in a time of 39:32.

In the 5K, the father-daughter team of Joe and Maggie Abernethy swept the top male and female spots. Joe finished in 16:29 and 12-year-old



Runners at the starting line prepare for the Rockville 10K/5K in King Farm Village Center last month.

daughter Maggie finished in 21:18.

Plenty of food, music and prizes were available to participants before and after the race, which was hosted by the

City of Rockville, presented by King Farm Village Center and conducted by Montgomery County Road Runners Club.

Complete results can be found at www.mcrrc.org. [RR](#)

American Indian Festival

The Sixth Annual American Indian Festival will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the County's Executive Office Building from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's theme is "Strengthening the Spirit," in honor of the D.C. area sniper victims and Iraq War POW, Army Pfc. Lori Piestewa, the first known Native American woman soldier to have lost her life during combat.

Among the many highlights will be the appearance of original Navajo Code Talker, Samuel Tom Holiday, 79, who will speak during the festival.

The event is free and open to the public. The EOB is located at 101 Monroe St. (One block from the Rockville Metro station). For more information, contact Karen Rawlins of the City's Department of Recreation and Parks, at 240-314-8633. [RR](#)

Holiday Drive Needs You

Rockville's annual Holiday Drive has helped thousands of people over the years – with the assistance of some incredible area children and selfless adult participation. Now the Drive is seeking help for the 2003 season.

The Holiday Drive collects food, money and new toys for local families identified as needing assistance. With the support of local organizations and volunteers, a record number of 688 households received 1,288 baskets in November and December last year.

"The Holiday Drive is one of our premier events," said Guerdon Stuckey, Director of Neighborhood and Community Services. "It represents the commitment of citizens and staff to improving the quality of life of fellow citizens who are less fortunate. The program provides our City the opportunity to take the words 'helping our fellow man' and turn them into action."

Last year's program was successful due to the major contributions of the following groups:

- Richard Montgomery High School donated 3,500 cans of food
- Robert Frost Middle School donated the proceeds of their annual Turkey Trot, which netted \$1,800 and more than 700 food items
- Christ Episcopal School sup-

plied 25 food baskets

- Individual grades at St. John the Evangelist School provided food and gifts for 10 families

These schools set a standard for any individual, business, civic association or faith-based group to contribute to the Holiday Drive.

There are many ways individuals can become involved in this year's Drive:

- Donations of time: volunteers will be needed to help pack and deliver food baskets in November (see page 4 for details)
- Donations of non-perishable food
- Donations of toys to be used at the *Secret Toy Shop* where parents will select a gift for each of their children
- Donations of money in the form of a check made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund and mailed to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Attn.: Rockville Holiday Drive, 32 Courthouse Sq., Rockville, Md., 20850
- Becoming a Family Sponsor in December by purchasing gifts for individual family members and providing food for their holiday meal

For more information on how you can help, call 240-314-8307. [RR](#)



Focus on AFFORDABLE HOMES

Rockville has many programs that affect the lives of residents. On a regular basis, "Focus On" will take an introspective look at these programs and detail the impact they have for City residents.

The process of buying a home has long been recognized as one of the most stressful events in peoples' lives.

Add the stress of not knowing whether a home is even affordable, and many people simply give up before trying.

Fortunately there are programs in Rockville aimed at helping people uncover ways in which they may afford to purchase homes in the City.

On Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Red Brick Courthouse, the City and its Human Rights Commission are sponsoring the program, "How to Buy Affordable Homes in Rockville." The free program will inform participants on how to buy homes, townhomes and condominiums at affordable prices throughout Rockville.

"We are so delighted to conduct this program," said Yvonna J. Love of the Human Rights Commission. "Many times this information is overlooked by individuals hoping to buy a home simply because they did not know it was a resource available to them. We're hoping to educate the public on some of the home buying strategies in Rockville, and this is the first step."

One program that will be discussed is the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) program, offered through the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services. The MPDU program provides assistance to those with incomes under 60 percent of the Washington area median to possibly buy or rent single family homes, townhomes or condominiums at costs more affordable on their incomes. Rockville requires that all developments exceeding 50 units must provide at least 12.5 percent to MPDUs.

Community Development

Program Manager Ed Duffy of Rockville will be on hand to discuss MPDUs.

Also presenting on Nov. 13 is one of the City's Historic Designation representatives, Judy Christensen, who will explain how homes are designated a "National Historic Site," which often results in significant tax benefits. These tax breaks are often overlooked by potential home buyers. Some older properties that may seem too expensive might be well within a buyer's budget with the tax breaks afforded by the Historic Designation.

Love and Enilda Abreu of the City's Human Rights Commission and Janet Kelly of the City's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services will be available as well.

The Red Brick Courthouse is located at 29 Courthouse Square, in downtown Rockville. The event will be in room G-06, and is free with refreshments.

To reserve a spot, contact Kelly at 240-314-8316. [RR](#)

In Brief

Open Auditions

The City is hosting open auditions for dancers and actors for its 2004 African American Heritage Production in February. Auditions are Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre (603 Edmonston Dr.) The City welcomes a culturally diverse cast, ages 11 older.

CALL **240-314-8633** FOR INFO

Veterans' Day Ceremony Is Nov. 11

The tradition takes place on the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month." On Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. in Veterans' Park, Rockville will celebrate Veterans' Day. There will be a wreath laying ceremony by local veterans' groups, a 21-gun salute and playing of "Taps."

CALL **240-314-5022** FOR INFO

'Nutcracker' Tickets Go On Sale Nov. 12

The Rockville Civic Ballet will present "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 6, 7, 13 and 14. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Box Office, by telephone or mail.

CALL **240-314-8690** FOR INFO

Nominations Open For MLK, Jr. Awards

Applications are being accepted for the City's Michael Taff Award and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Award. Awards will be presented at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on Jan 19. The deadline for nominations is Dec. 8.

The Taff award recognizes those who improve the lives of people with disabilities. The Martin Luther King, Jr. award honors a student attending a high school in Rockville who has promoted the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Call for an application or visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

CALL **240-314-8316** FOR INFO

Bikeway Open House

Since July, the City and residents have been revising the Bikeway Master Plan. On Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m., there will be an Open House to discuss the final draft of the plan at the Lincoln Park Community Center, located at 357 Frederick Ave. The event is open to the public, and all are welcome to view the Master Plan online at www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/bikeway/index.html.

CALL **240-314-8627** FOR INFO

Some Paving Delayed

Rockville's annual street resurfacing program concluded in October with nearly 40 streets repaved. However, an area that covered five streets scheduled for resurfacing in 2003 will not be paved until next spring because Washington Gas will be replacing gas mains on those streets.

The areas that will be repaved in spring are: Dean Drive (between Bernerd Place and Grandin Avenue); Cedar Court; Cedar Lane (north of Grandin to Marshall Avenue); McAulliffe Drive (between Cedar Lane and Patton Place); and Patton Place (between McAulliffe and Nimitz Place).

CALL **240-314-8500** FOR INFO

Senior Center Holiday Bazaar Is Dec. 6

The Rockville Senior Center (1150 Carnation Dr.) will be hosting its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Spots are now being reserved.

CALL **240-314-8800** FOR INFO

See the Rockettes in New York on Dec. 7

The Department of Recreation and Parks is sponsoring its annual trip to New York City to see the world-famous Rockettes



CONFERENCE HONOREE ... *Three-time Pulitzer Prize winner Edward Albee was the honoree at the Eighth Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, held last month at Montgomery College in Rockville. In addition to reading from one of his works, Albee, seated above, conducted a book signing. F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference President John Moser looks on as Albee signs a poster for a conference attendee.*

at Radio City Music Hall on Sunday, Dec. 7, leaving at 6:30 a.m. and returning that night. The cost is \$153 for residents and \$175 for non-residents.

CALL **240-314-8641** FOR INFO

East Rockville Neighborhood Plan

The Planning Commission has been reviewing the draft of the East Rockville Neighborhood Plan since a public hearing was held in August. Because of the concerns raised about the

plan by business and property owners in the North Stonestreet corridor, the plan's advisory group has been working with business representatives to resolve issues related to the continuation of existing businesses.

The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council before a public hearing on Monday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. The Mayor and Council will hold a worksession before adopting the Plan in early 2004.

CALL **240-314-8211** FOR INFO

CITY

2 MCRRC Halloween Young Run. Gude Drive and Route 355. Children 12-under can run one mile, one-half mile or one-quarter mile. 301-353-0200.

4 Rockville Mayor and Council Election 2003. Polls open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Voting places throughout the City. 240-314-8286. See Voter's Guide for more information.

11 Veterans' Day Ceremony. Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. in Veterans Park. 240-314-5022.

11 Auditions for Rockville's 2004 African American Heritage Production. 5-7 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Ages 11-over. For information call Karen Rawlins, 240-314-8633.

13 How to Buy Affordable Homes in Rockville. Red Brick Court House (29 Courthouse Sq.), Room G-06. 7 p.m. Call Janet Kelly, 240-314-8316.

15 American Indian Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe St. 240-314-8633.

16 Inauguration Ceremony for the newly elected Mayor and Council of Rockville. 1 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr. 240-314-8286.

18 PEERLESS ROCKVILLE: "Pre-World War II Neighborhoods" — Interactive program with "stations." 7:30 p.m., at the Pump House. 301-762-0096.

20 Town Center Open House. City Hall (111 Maryland Ave.) 7-9 p.m. Federal Realty will listen to residents' ideas regarding the business mix in the future Town Center. 240-314-8200.

20 Bikeway Master Plan Open House. 7-9 p.m. Lincoln Park Community Center. 240-314-8627.

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calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

29 Off-Leash Dog Testing. Middle Lane Parking Lot. Tests if dogs can be walked without a leash. Must register at 240-314-8930.

ARTS

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Glenview Mansion are located in Rockville Civic Center Park at Edmonston Street.

1,7,8,9,14,15,21,22 Rockville Musical Theatre. "Li'l Abner." 8 p.m., except Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. \$14/\$8. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. For information, call 301-530-6477.

2-Dec.2 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. "Origins," traditional and experimental printmaking by Jenny Freestone, Mansoor Hassan and Helga Thomson. Reception is Sunday, Nov. 2, from 1-4 p.m. Artist Talk is Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. For information, 240-314-8682.

2 Glenview Mansion Sunday Afternoon Concert Series. "Unstrung" jazz. 2 p.m. Quartet is led by Rockville resident Howie Jung. Free. For information, 240-314-8682.

2-Dec.3 Glenview Mansion Conference Rooms. "Recent Paintings," by Margaret Gourlay and Lieta Gerson. Hours vary. Call 240-314-8660 for times. Opening reception is Sunday, Nov. 2, from 1-4 p.m.

23 Rockville Concert Band performance. 3 p.m. Free (donations accepted). F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. For information, call 240-314-8681.

28,29 National Philharmonic concert. 8 p.m. \$39/\$29/\$19. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. For information, call 301-762-8580.

NATURE CENTER

All programs at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Phone: 240-314-8770.

4 Dream Catchers. School's Out: Create your own Native American dream catcher. 2-3 p.m. Ages 4-over. \$5 RES/\$6 NR.

6 Antlers. 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-6. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

8 The Rut. 7-8:30 p.m. All ages. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

11 Woodland Indians. 2-3 p.m. Ages 4-over. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

11 Winter Adaptations. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 7-12. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

12 Totally Terrific Turkeys. 4-5 p.m. Ages 3-over. \$7 RES/\$8 NR.

19 Tiny Tot Walk: Talkin' Turkey. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 18 months-2 years. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

19 Tyke Hike: Talkin' Turkey. 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-5. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

20 Seasonal Snoozers. 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

29 Day to Be Thankful. 1-3 p.m. All Ages. \$1 RES/\$2 NR.

SENIORS

All programs at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.

5 Probate Process and Estate Laws. 10:15 a.m. Free.

5 Balance and Fall Assessments. 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Call 240-314-8810 to schedule a 10-minute appointment.

5 November Birthday Party. 1:30-3 p.m. Register by Oct. 29. Free.

6 Veterans' Group – Hostage in Tehran. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Register by Oct. 24. Free.

12,13 Velvet Scarf (Wednesday and Thursday). 10-11:30 a.m. Registration required. \$25 MEM/\$31 NM.

12-24 Internet. (Mondays and Wednesdays). 10 a.m.-12 noon. Registration required. \$20 MEM/\$25 NM.

14 Flu Shots. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$15 without Medicare Part B.

18 Healthy Eating Choices for Seniors. 10:15-11:45 a.m. Free.

18,19 Woodworking – Beginning Pen Making (Tuesday and Wednesday). 10 a.m.-12 noon. Register by Nov. 5. \$40 MEM/\$50 NM.

19 Munch 'n Learn – For Real Forensics. 10-11:30 a.m. Register by Oct. 28. Free.

19 Classical Music Appreciation with Murray. 1-2:30 pm. Register by Nov. 6. Free.

20 Walking Tips and Exercise. 1-2 p.m. Free.

20 Clarify Computer Concepts. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration required. \$6 MEM/\$8 NM.

21 Cholesterol Screenings. 10-11:30 a.m. Call 240-314-8810 for an appointment

24,26 Windows – Paint. Monday and Wednesday. 1-3 p.m. Registration required. \$6 MEM/\$8 NM.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

All meetings at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless noted.

5 Planning Commission. 7 p.m.

8 Board of Appeals. 9:30 a.m.

11 Human Services Advisory Commission. 7:30 p.m. Community Services Office, 32 Courthouse Sq.

11 Rockville Seniors Inc. 1 p.m. Senior Center Board Room, 1150 Carnation Dr.

12 Cultural Arts Comm. 7:30 p.m.

17 Sign Review Board. 4 p.m.

19 Planning Commission. 7 p.m.

19 Rockville Housing Enterprises (Housing Authority). 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Board Room, 14 Moore Dr.

20 Senior Citizens Commission. 10 a.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr.

20 Rockville Sister City Corporation. 7:30 p.m.

20 Historic District Comm. 7 p.m.

26 Human Rights Comm. 7:30 p.m.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETINGS

All general sessions, worksessions and public hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel, and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. All meetings are subject to change.

- Nov. 17** (Mon.) Public Hearing (Public Art in Private Development; East Rockville Neighborhood Plan; Town Center Parking District) 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 18** (Tues.) Public Hearing (Proposed policy on smoking in restaurants) 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 24** (Mon.) General Session, 7:30 p.m.

Development Proposed for Twinbrook Metro Area

Rockville’s vast array of neighborhoods may take another dimension—to suburban/urban living—if a proposal to develop 26 acres around the Twinbrook Metro station becomes reality.

JBG Companies has negotiated a contract with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for the development rights around the Twinbrook Metro station, located just off Twinbrook Parkway at Fisher’s Lane.

“Twinbrook Commons” would be a mixed use of residential, retail and office space centered around the Metro station.

The proposal was the subject of a Mayor and Council worksession in September. The land involved currently has approximately 16 acres in Montgomery County (most is east of the Metro station) and 10 acres in the City of Rockville (most is west of the Metro station).

JBG likely will choose between two avenues of development. JBG can ask the City to annex the acreage in Montgomery County so the project could

be developed under one plan. JBG otherwise may opt to develop each portion under the zoning regulations of the two respective jurisdictions.

“The City believes that this project should be developed under one development plan, and that plan should be in the City of Rockville,” City Manager Mark Pentz said at the worksession.

If Twinbrook Commons is annexed into the City and developed totally under a Rockville plan, the City would have the opportunity to review the entire project and its impacts on the City and its residents.

The plan calls for approximately 1,288 residential units, 360,000 square feet of office space and 160,000 square feet of retail space.

JBG is currently preparing a traffic study concerning the project’s potential impact and is working with the City and Montgomery County on other details. It is hoped the Mayor and Council will hold another worksession with JBG as early as sometime in November. No date has been set.[RR](#)



2 WINNERS AT ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW — A 1906 Cadillac K Run-about that appeared in the first Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show in 1954 returned to the show for the first time in 49 years on Saturday, Oct. 18. This time, Anders R. Lofstrand drove away his car (bottom photo) — full white tires and all — with the Mayor and Council Award in what was one of the largest shows ever at Rockville Civic Center Park. Lofstrand, who is from the long-time prominent Rockville family that even has a street named for it, now lives in Myersville, Md. The Cadillac had been in storage for a long time, but a few years ago Lofstrand decided to invest in its refurbishing.

An estimated crowd of more than 12,000 enjoyed the outstanding fall weather to see more than 500 vehicles on display, including a tribute to the 100th anniversary of Ford. The People’s Choice Award (top photo), selected by a vote of spectators, went to a 1961 two-toned Corvette convertible owned by Donna and Howard Parzow of Gaithersburg.

Volunteer Time: Holiday Help Is Needed

There are infinite ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations that could use assistance by volunteering in the City. Each month “Volunteer Time” will highlight a different volunteer opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community.

The holiday season tends to spark a desire to help others, and this year’s Rockville Holiday Drive is a fine outlet for residents to “take part, give from the heart,” which is the motto for the Holiday Drive. There are many ways in which groups and individuals may donate toys, money or food to the Holiday Drive (see full story, page 2).

In addition, the Holiday Drive has several volunteer opportunities during the month of November for those willing to donate their time and service to help others have an enjoyable holiday:

- **Sorters*** are needed Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15-16, to sort canned food donations for Thanksgiving baskets.
- **Food packers*** are needed Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22-23, to assemble Thanksgiving baskets. Packers must be able to lift a 20-pound box of food.
- **Delivery people** with their own cars also will be needed on Saturday, Nov. 22, and Monday, Nov. 24, to deliver holiday baskets primarily to disabled and elderly residents. Anyone able to dedicate time to these volunteer opportunities should contact Mary Lou Jacobs, Community Services Program Manager in Rockville’s Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, at 240-314-8303. [RR](#)

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

The City will be collecting leaves through December. **DO:** Rake leaves into the gutter, or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists, by 6 a.m. on Friday of the collection week. Remove limbs, rocks and other heavy objects. **DO NOT:** Use plastic bags. The City recycling program will collect leaves and grass that are in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers. For specific questions, call 240-314-8570.

Map showing five numbered areas for leaf collection across Rockville, including streets like Redland, Gude, Norbeck, Veirs Mill, and Wootton Pkwy.

AREA 1: Nov. 24 to Nov. 28

AREA 2: Dec. 1 to Dec. 5

AREA 3: Nov. 3 to Nov. 7; Dec. 8 to Dec. 12

AREA 4: Nov. 10 to Nov 14; Dec. 15 to Dec. 19

AREA 5: Nov. 17 to Nov. 21; Dec. 22 to Dec. 26

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Animal Matters Board (one)
- Board of Appeals (one)
- Commission on Environment (one)
- Cultural Arts Commission (one)
- Human Rights Commission (one)
- Landlord/Tenant (one/tenant)
- Traffic & Transportation (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL NOVEMBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 Midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
6 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 am	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 am	Permit Process	Exploring Rockville's Past	Preserving the Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Permit Process	Permit Process	Permit Process
7:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 am	Mayor & Council	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council
9 am		Diversity in the City	Diversity in the City	Diversity in the City	Diversity in the City	Diversity in the City	
10 am		Exploring Rockville's Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	
10:30 am		Preserving the Past	Preserving the Past	Preserving the Past	Preserving the Past	Preserving the Past	
11 am	Cityline	Online Frontier:Internet Safety	Permit Process	Online Frontier:Internet Safety	Permit Process	Permit Process	Cityline
11:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 pm	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 pm until meeting ends	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
4 pm	Diversity in the City		Diversity in the City	Diversity in the City		Permit Process	
4:30 pm		Permit Process			Exploring Rockville's Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Permit Process
5 pm	Permit Process	Exploring Rockville's Past	Permit Process	Permit Process	Preserving the Past	Preserving the Past	Diversity in the City
5:30 pm	Exploring Rockville's Past	Preserving the Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Preserving the Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	
6 pm	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
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7:30 pm		Mayor & Council	Preserving the Past		Preserving the Past	Mayor & Council	
8 pm			Permit Process		Permit Process		Preserving the Past
8:30 pm			Diversity in the City		Diversity in the City		Exploring Rockville's Past
9 pm							Permit Process
9:30 pm			Cityline		Cityline		Cityline
10 pm	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
10:30 pm	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
11 pm	Permit Process	Online Frontier:Internet Safety	Permit Process	Online Frontier:Internet Safety	Permit Process	Online Frontier:Internet Safety	Permit Process
11:30 pm	Exploring Rockville's Past	Preserving the Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Preserving the Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Preserving the Past	Exploring Rockville's Past

*Volunteer opportunity is suitable for individuals who want to donate their time, or for service groups seeking a holiday activity. Volunteer opportunity is approved for Student Service Learning credit.

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